

means, when the still picture is recorded, if there is no original audio recorded substantially at the same time said still picture was recorded, for selecting first still picture management information on said still picture with no audio to be reproduced in synchronism with the reproduction of the still picture, and if there is an original audio recorded substantially at the same time said still picture was recorded, selecting second still picture management information on said still picture with only the original audio recorded at the same time the still picture was recorded, and recording said first or second still picture management information in said still picture group management information in the same order of recording corresponding still pictures;

means for, when a post-recorded audio to be reproduced in synchronism with the reproduction of the still picture is recorded to the still picture already recorded in the storage medium, if said still picture already recorded has no original audio, replacing said first still picture management information with third still picture management information on a still picture with only the post-recorded audio added to the still picture already recorded, and if said still picture already recorded has the original audio, replacing said second still picture management information by fourth still picture management information on a still picture with both of the original audio and a post-recorded audio added to the still picture already recorded.

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